

00839.000472

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

|                           |   |                            |
|---------------------------|---|----------------------------|
| In re Application of:     | ) |                            |
|                           | : | Examiner: Not Yet Assigned |
| SOICHIRO KAWAKAMI ET AL.  | ) |                            |
|                           | : | Group Art Unit: 1754       |
| Appln No.: 10/762,343     | ) |                            |
|                           | : |                            |
| Filed: January 23, 2004   | ) |                            |
|                           | : |                            |
| For: METHOD FOR PRODUCING | ) |                            |
| NANO-CARBON MATERIALS     | : | August 24, 2006            |

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

FOURTH INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. Since the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office waived the requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98 (a)(2)(i) for submitting a copy of each cited U.S. patent and each U.S. patent application publication for all U.S. national patent applications and for all international applications that have entered the national stage under 35 U.S.C. § 371, no copies of such documents are submitted.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the attached Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

It is believed that no fee is due in connection with this Information Disclosure Statement. However, if such a fee is deemed necessary, the Commissioner is authorized to charge it to Deposit Account 06-1205. Any overpayment should be credited to the same Deposit Account.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,

/Jason M. Okun/  
Jason M. Okun  
Attorney for Applicants  
Registration No. 48,512

FITZPATRICK, CELLA, HARPER & SCINTO  
30 Rockefeller Plaza  
New York, New York 10112-3800  
Facsimile: (212) 218-2200

|   |           |                        |                 |  |            |                                      |                                       |
|---|-----------|------------------------|-----------------|--|------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| FORM PTO 1449 (modified)<br><br>U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE<br>PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE<br><br>LIST OF REFERENCES CITED BY APPLICANT(S)<br>(Use several sheets if necessary) |           |                        |                 | ATTY DOCKET NO.<br><b>00839.000472</b>       |            | APPLICATION NO.<br><b>10/762,343</b> |                                       |
|   |           |                        |                 | APPLICANT<br><b>Soichiro Kawakami et al.</b> |            |                                      |                                       |
|   |           |                        |                 | FILING DATE<br><b>January 23, 2004</b>       |            | GROUP<br><b>1754</b>                 |                                       |
| U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS   |           |                        |                 |  |            |                                      |                                       |
| *EXAMINER<br>INITIAL  |           | DOCUMENT<br>NUMBER     | DATE            | NAME   | CLASS      | SUBCLASS                             | FILING DATE<br>IF APPROPRIATE         |
|   |           | <b>2006/0062713 A1</b> | <b>03/23/06</b> | <b>Sano et al.</b>                           | <b>423</b> | <b>455R</b>                          |                                       |
|   |           | <b>7,001,581 B2</b>    | <b>02/21/06</b> | <b>Kawakami et al.</b>                       | <b>423</b> | <b>447.3</b>                         |                                       |
|   |           |                        |                 |  |            |                                      |                                       |
|   |           |                        |                 |  |            |                                      |                                       |
|   |           |                        |                 |  |            |                                      |                                       |
|   |           |                        |                 |  |            |                                      |                                       |
|   |           |                        |                 |  |            |                                      |                                       |
|   |           |                        |                 |  |            |                                      |                                       |
|   |           |                        |                 |  |            |                                      |                                       |
|   |           |                        |                 |  |            |                                      |                                       |
| FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS  |           |                        |                 |  |            |                                      |                                       |
|   |           | DOCUMENT<br>NUMBER     | DATE            | COUNTRY                                      | CLASS      | SUBCLASS                             | TRANSLATION<br>YES/NO/<br>OR ABSTRACT |
|   | <b>WO</b> | <b>2004/089820 A1</b>  | <b>10/21/04</b> | <b>International</b>                         |            |                                      |                                       |
|   |           |                        |                 |  |            |                                      |                                       |
|   |           |                        |                 |  |            |                                      |                                       |
|   |           |                        |                 |  |            |                                      |                                       |
|   |           |                        |                 |  |            |                                      |                                       |
|   |           |                        |                 |  |            |                                      |                                       |
| OTHER DOCUMENT(S) (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)  |           |                        |                 |  |            |                                      |                                       |
|   |           |                        |                 |  |            |                                      |                                       |
|   |           |                        |                 |  |            |                                      |                                       |
|   |           |                        |                 |  |            |                                      |                                       |
|   |           |                        |                 |  |            |                                      |                                       |
| EXAMINER  |           |                        |                 | DATE CONSIDERED                              |            |                                      |                                       |

\*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609; Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

Sheet 1 of 1